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9 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
10 **SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

11 DAVID J. CHAO, an individual,  
12 Plaintiff,

13 vs.

14 HEALTHSOUTH CORPORATION, a  
15 Delaware corporation;  
16 SHC SAN DIEGO, INC., a Georgia  
17 corporation;  
18 SHC MANAGEMENT COMPANY, a  
19 Georgia corporation;  
20 SURGICAL HEALTH CORPORATION, a  
21 Delaware corporation;  
22 HEALTHSOUTH SURGERY CENTERS-  
WEST, INC., a Delaware corporation;  
23 SURGICAL CARE AFFILIATES, LLC a  
24 Delaware Limited Liability corporation;  
25 ARTHROSCOPIC & LASER SURGERY  
26 CENTER OF SAN DIEGO, L.P., and  
27 DOES 1 through 100, inclusively,

Defendants.

CASE NO.

**'07 CV 2408 DMS WMC**

**JOINDER OF DEFENDANT  
HEALTHSOUTH CORPORATION IN  
NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF CIVIL  
ACTION TO UNITED STATES  
DISTRICT COURT PURSUANT TO 28  
U.S.C. § 1441(b)**

23 TO THE CLERK AND JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR  
24 THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA:

25 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Defendant HEALTHSOUTH CORPORATION, by and  
26 through its attorneys Coughlan, Semmer & Lipman, LLP, hereby joins in the Notice of Removal

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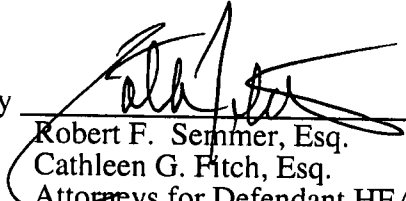
1 of Civil Action of Defendant Surgical Care Affiliates, LLC, filed on December 24, 2007.

2 DATED: December 21, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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